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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
John M. SPANGLER ) Group Art Unit: 3692  
Serial No.: 10/083,423 ) Examiner: Elda G. MILEF  
Filed: February 26, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 6747  
For: A METHOD OF PROCURING A )  
COMPONENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated January 11, 2007, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-6, characterized by the Examiner as being "drawn to a method of procuring a component," and claim 11, characterized by the Examiner as being "drawn to a method of procuring a component associated with a custom system comprising establishing a custom system design."

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for agreeing to discuss the restriction requirement with one of Applicant's representatives, Christian D'Avignon-Aubut, via telephone on February 15, 2007. In the conversation with the Examiner, Applicants' representative noted that the Office Action Summary indicates that claims 1-11 are subject to a restriction requirement but that the Detailed Action only mentions claims 1-6 and 11. Applicant's representative thus inquired about the status of claims 7-10. The

Examiner asserted that only claims 1-6 and 11 were subject to the restriction requirement and that claims 7-10 could be grouped with either claims 1-6 or with claim 11.

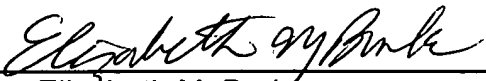
Applicant elects claims 1-6, without traverse, and considers that claims 7-10, directed to a "computer based method of procuring a component," are properly grouped with claims 1-6. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 are ready for a full and thorough examination on the merits.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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